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[Despatch Abstract.]

Irrigation - Major -(Bellary) -Hospet taluk -Basvannah extension channel -Raising of sugarcane -Permitted.

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REVENUE **DEPARTMENT.**

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Subject.

IRRIGATION - Major -(Bellary) - Hospet taluk - Basavanna extension channel - Permission to raise sugarcane crop - Proposal submitted.

Refce. M. No. 2218/39-2

Station MADRAS. *, Dated the* 8th February 1940. 19

From

R.A. Gopalaswami, Esq., I.C.S.,

JOINT Secretary,

Board of Revenue.

C.A. Henderson, Esq., C.S.I., V.D., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue & Irrigation.

Read the following:-

Letter from A.D. Crombie Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Collector, Bellary, Ref.C.No.2463/38 A2 dated
13th September 1939.

Subject:- IRRIGATION - Major - Hospet Taluk - Basavanna extension channel - Permission to raise Sugarcane crop - Proposal

Ref:- G.O. No. 1452 Revenue dated 25th July 1934.

According to the special rules prescribed in the G.O. cited above, standing permits are issued only for the irrigation of paddy crop. The ryots request that permits may be issued for the irrigation of sugarcane crop; which is now prohibited according to the rules framed in para 1 of the Government Order cited above.

2. The Executive Engineer, Bellary, who was consulted in the matter, states that adequate supplies can be given for sugarcane crop considering the adequacy of water supply in the channel. A copy of his report is enclosed. The Revenue Divisional Officer Hospet also reports that growing of sugarcane may be permitted. I therefore recommend that the Government may be moved to issue orders relaxing the rules and to permit the grant of permits for the irrigation of sugarcane crop under the extension channel.

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Copy of letter No. 2462 G/B.I.18 dated 1-9-1939 from the Executive Engineer, Bellary to the Collector of Bellary.

Subject:- Irrigation - Major - Hospet Taluk - Basavanna extension channel - Permission to raise sugarcane

Ref:- Your Ref.C.No.2463/38 A2 dated 13-12-1938 and reminder dated 4-7-1939.

In continuation of this office No. 596-G/G.119, I have to ate as follows:-

Generally the floods in the river Thungabhadra subside ring the months of January to June and consequently the upply in the channels under the river and also in the amalapuram tank will be low during these months. It is only n the month of April that the new crop of sugarcane is raised, ut after plantation, a wetting of only once in seven or ten ays will be required. In the month of May, there will be ome freshes generally in the river, and in the latter half f June, standing freshes are generally received in the river onsequently both the Basavannah and the Roya channels will egin to flow well and feed the tank, raising the water leve herein during May and decidedly from the end of June onward he paddy crop is harvested in December and hence there will be only the standing crop of sugarcane from January to March but this will then be a matured crop, requiring not much wat at that time, as it would be harvested by the end of March. Thus there will be generally no question of inadequate suppl of water for the sugarcane crop, either under the Basavannah

Basavannah extension channel or under the Kamalapuram Tank in any period.

2. As observed from the guage readings taken from April onwards when new sugarcane plantation commences, the lowest guage reading ever since the year of 1936 (whence the Basavannah Extension channel has commenced to function) is in the current year 1939. This year is one of the exceptional scarcity happening once in several years and can be treated as a test case to judge the adequacy of supplies, to the ayacuts. Even during this critical period of 1939 the average low reading lasting for a number of days at the head of the extention channel is calculated to yield a discharge which will be sufficient to irrigate an ayacut of 1850 acres for the crop of sugarcane. In fact sugarcane has been raised this year actually over 350 acres under the extention channel on the responsibility of the ryots themselves, and absolutely no trouble was experienced. We have catered not only for the above ayacut of 350 acres but also supplemented the supply to the Roya channel and the Kamalapuram tank from the extension channel. Out of all the Thungabhadra channels in the Hospet sub division, it is only the Basavannah channel (old and extension) that has given no trouble.

3. The Basavannah extension channel has got an ayacut of 1550 acres of which about 300 acres have been condemned by the Agricultural Department. Another 200 acres may have to be left out of account owing to the unsuitability of the soils, or the prohibitive cost of converting into wet and the poor finances of the ryots. Hence only a maximum of (1550 - (300 + 200) or 1050 (or say) 1000 acres can be expected to be brought under cultivation. Of this, about 50% or 500 acres will be annualy brought

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under sugarcane and the discharge yielded even during this critical year (which has been calculated to irrigate an ayacut of 1850 acres as referred to in para 2 above) will be over and above the required supply for the this area of 500 acres The successful cultivation of the above 350 acres under sugarcane during the exceptional period of this year is a positive proof of safe reliability of this channel in raising sugarcane under the same.

4. Regarding the compactness of areas referred to in your letter I have to state that the areas brought under cultivation for raising sugarcane are at present as compact as possible and are not very far from the main channel or the distributaries. Portions of those areas will be raised with sugarcane and paddy by rotation in alternate years, and there will not be much loss of water due to transmission and evaporation.

5. In this connection I would also like to point out that a sum of Rs.5 lakhs has been spent on this channel with the hope of bringing out an ayacut of about 2000 acres but not more than 1000 acres will be brought under cultivation as explained in para 3 above. It is therefore absolutely necessary that the Government should get extra income by the increased water rates for sugarcane to make up to the maximum extent possible, the loss due to the diminution of ayacut. When the ayacuts under all other channels are enjoying the privilege of raising sugarcane, it is not advisable to prohibit the same under this channel, especially when the paddy crop is not at all a profitable concern and the ryots have to incur an enormous initial expense of preparing their lands for wet cultivation, which they cannot recoup by raising paddy crop. Unless they are given this encouragement, they will not be tempted to bring the ayacut under wet cultivation which means a great loss to the Government.

6. In conclusion I am of opinion that adequate supplies can be given for sugarcane crop considering the adequacy of water supply. I therefore request you now to offer your views on the point raised in this office No.2165-G dated 22-6-1938.

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Board's Reference H. No.2218/39-1
dated 2-11-1939 to the Chief Engineer
for Irrigation.

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Letter from F.L. Dowley Esq., M.I.C.E..
Chief Engineer for Irrigation,
No. 3793/39-C-3 dated 30-1-1940.

Subject:- IRRIGATION _ Major - (Bellary) -
Hospet taluk - Basavannah extension
channel - Permission to raise
sugarcane crop.

Ref:- Board's Refce. H.No.2218-39-1
dated 2-11-1939.

I agree that Government may be moved to relax the rules for irrigation under Basavanna extension channel so as to permit sugarcane being grown under the channel.

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REFERENCE.

Submitted to the Government for orders.

2. The Board supports the Collector's proposal, which is supported by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

for JOINT SECRETARY. 12/2/40

To the Secretary to the Government, Revenue Department

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Revenue Department

C.No.605 F/40

Irrigation-Major-(Bellary)-Hospet Taluk-Basavannah Extension Channel- Permission to raise sugarcane-Proposal.

From the Board of Revenue, Refce.M.No.2218/39-2 dated 8.2.1940.

To U.S.

Please see the Board's reference in the c.f. which explains the proposal. The proposal is that para.1(1) of G.O.No.1452 Confdl.Rev., dated 25.7.1934, which is to the effect that water should be provided for only one crop under the Bsavannah Extension Channel in the Hospet Taluk, Bellary Dt., may be relaxed and that cultivation of sugarcane under that channel permitted. Orders as in para.1(1) referred to above, were issued as it was then reported that the available supply in the channel was sufficient only for a single crop- Please see portions marked Z on pp.3 and 30 of the G.O.at (X). Attention is ~~also~~ invited in this connection to para.12 of the note of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation at p.19 of G.O.445 I dated 19-12-1924 and para.4 of the order on 21 of the same G.O. in which Govt. directed the Collector to see that no second or dufasal crop was allowed on the new area brought under irrigation under the Basavannah Channel Extension project. The letter of the Ex.Engineer, Bellary, on pp.2-3 c.f., however, shows that it is now possible to supply water from the Extension Channel for the irrigation of an extent of 500 acres with sugarcane (dufasal crop), and that, in fact, an area of 350 acres was ~~already~~ successfully cultivated in 1939 with sugarcane with water from the Channel, ~~notwithstanding the existing prohibition~~ notwithstanding the existing prohibition. The C.E. (I) and the Board of Revenue support the Collector's proposal. For orders whether the proposal may

be approved. Subject to orders a draft order is submitte

If approved, it may be sent to P.W.D. and Finance for

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The proposal to allow water for sugar cane may be agreed to. If it is found impossible in practice to distribute the water, the taking of water for sugarcane can be stopped.

2 The effect of the relaxation of the rules: The rules do not specifically refer to the prohibition of water for sugar cane. All that the rule says is that for regular irrigation of second crop or single crop wet lands or of the single crop wet lands in the 2nd crop season or of dry lands a permit should be obtained. No executive orders have been issued to the effect that water should be provided for one crop only. In fact a liberal interpretation of the rules was given to the view that a single crop of sugarcane could be allowed water. But what was intended was that irrigation should be confined to the first crop season under the extension channel.

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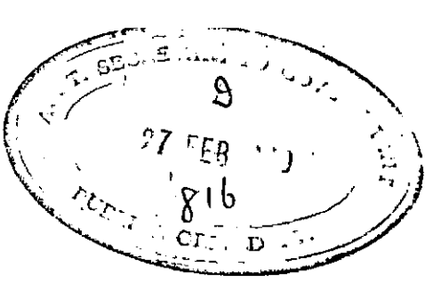

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This dept may agree to X on the previous page. The C&E (E) has no objection to it.

2. The file may be passed on to Fin.

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Please see the notes on pp. 1-2 and the proposal of the Rev. dept. at X on p. 2 and it may be accepted.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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To U.S.

I-w orders whether the draft order may now issue.
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SUBJECT:—

READ AGAIN Rev. G.O. 1452 Rev., dated 25-7-1934.
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READ *ALSO*:—

Cf No. 605F/40 From the Board of Rev. Ref. H No. 2218/39-2, dated 8.2.1940.
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Order ~~Resolution~~ Ms. No. 711, dated 18-3 [illegible]

In ~~partial~~ modification of para. 1 of G.O. No. 1452 R confl. dated 25-7-1934, ~~the Govt.~~ ~~accept the proposal of the~~ Collector of Bellary, which is ~~supported by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and the Board~~ the Govt direct of Revenue, that ~~the~~ ~~cultivation~~ of Sugarcane under the Basavannah Extension Channel, in the Hospet taluk, Bellary district, ~~may be permitted~~ is approved.

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permits may be issued where necessary for the irrigation

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To the Board of Rev.
,, C.E.(I)
,, Collector of Bellary
,, P.W.D.
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Abstract.

Irrigation - Major - (Bellary) - Adoni taluk - Basavanna extension channel - Raising of sugarcane - permitted.

Revenue Department.

G.O.No.711 Dated 10th March 1940.

Read the following:-

G.O.No.1458 Revenue (Confdl.) dated 25th July 1934.
From the Board of Revenue Rc.No.8318/39-3 dated 8th February 1940.

O R D E R :-

In modification of para 1 of G.O.No.1458 Revenue confdl. dated 25th July 1934, the Government direct that permits may be issued where necessary for the irrigation of sugarcane under the Basavanna Extension channel in the Adoni taluk, Bellary district.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

P.G.Hildesorth,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
To the Chief Engineer (Irrigation).
To the Collector of Bellary.
To the Public Works Department.
To the Finance Department.

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